



Our Lady of the Black Hills

August 8 & 9, 2009 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

How to Contact Us

Our Lady of the Black Hills Parish Church
12365 Sturgis Road, Piedmont, SD 57769
Telephone: (605) 787-5168
Fax: (605) 787-4106
Website: www.olbh.org
Email: olbh@olbh.org
Office Hours: Monday-Friday,
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Our Staff

Pastor: Fr. Mark McCormick
(mark.mccormick@olbh.org)
Deacons: Walt Wilson and John Osnes
Coordinator of Gatherings of Grace:
Teresa Thompson
(teresa.thompson@olbh.org)
Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry: Teresa Thompson
(teresa.thompson@olbh.org)
Coordinator of Liturgy: Lorraine Rieth-Ptacek
(lorraine.ptacek@olbh.org)
Office Manager: Betsy Van Asma
(betsy.vanasma@olbh.org)
Bookkeeper: Lorinda Collings
(lorinda.collings@olbh.org)
Coordinator of Maintenance:
Jim Wranek (jim.wranek@olbh.org)

Liturgy and Prayer

Sunday Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 pm;
Sunday, 9:00 am and 6:00 pm
Daily Liturgy: Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, 8:00 am
Morning Prayer: Following Daily Liturgy
Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation:
Wednesday, 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday, 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Taize Prayer: First Sunday, 7:30 pm

Gatherings of Grace

Our parish has an intergenerational model of faith formation called Gatherings of Grace. All generations meet together the second Wednesday of each month, September through May.

Bulletin Announcements

Please email to bulletin@olbh.org by Tuesday noon for the following Sunday bulletin.

Sparks from Steubenville

This year Our Lady of the Black Hills had five young ladies who went to Steubenville Rochester on July 7th-9th. There were a couple hundred youth who went from the West River Diocese with about 40 adult chaperones. This diocese organizes this conference for the youth annually and in years past we have had a few youth from OLBH attend. This year I had the fortunate experience of attending as chaperone. I loved it! The music was great, the speakers were great and the workshops were great! The facilitators and organizers of Steubenville knew how to talk to our youth and encouraged them to fully participate in their faith life. After each evening session we had time with our small groups to have discussions. I was amazed by our youth in how they responded to these questions. I think we all have the same feelings in our faith life. Sometimes we have questions or doubts, other times we are comfortable with where we are at and then again other times we are so excited that we need to do something about it! Our young ladies came away excited, wanting to do something. I encourage you as members of OLBH to ask anyone of the young ladies how their trip was and when they do, watch their face light up. Once again, thank you for all your support and prayers that made this possible for our youth!

~Teresa Thompson

This year, the theme for Steubenville was "above all". After attending, not only do I want to make God above everything else in my life, but I want to give my life to His will. I know that I am not the only one who feels this way since Steubenville. I'm sure that everyone was inspired or touched in some way; there was so much good energy there! Something that really stuck in my mind was the last thing that one of the leaders said to the group. He said, "Today when you go home, you're not going back to the real world, this right here is the real world and it's your job to bring it to everyone else." Even though there were three buses of the Black Hills youth going to Steubenville, only six of us were from Our Lady of the Black Hills. I hope that next year there are a lot more of us representing our parish.

~Lexie Hammerquist

Coming from the Catholic School in Rapid City I have always had God in my life, but I have never felt him so near as when I was at Steubenville. The first day at the conference was sort of a slow start just because of the long day at Valley Fair, but the next day was something amazing. Adoration on the second night was the point where I just gave everything to God. There wasn't a dry eye in the room and people were falling down at the feet of Jesus in the Monstrance. Even thinking about it now gives me chills. I guess I have always had a hard time believing that God would even want me at all, but during Adoration I just remember thinking, "You have chosen me. I don't know why or what you want me to do, but I will listen if I can obtain the courage. You have given me life and helped me through every hardship." That was a big step for me. And I remember singing a song that states 'My God is might to save' and He chose to save me. They pointed out that when Jesus was on the cross He wasn't just thinking about the world in general. He was thinking about us all by name, he was thinking about the way we laugh, or cry, or talk, or even smile. I would urge anyone that has a chance to go to take that chance. You won't regret it. And you get to meet a bunch of really cool people that love God. It was so much more than awesome.

~Hannah Cimburek

Growing and Celebrating through the Teachings of Jesus Christ

This Week at Our Lady of the Black Hills

Monday, August 10

St. Lawrence, deacon and martyr
2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Psalms 112:1-2, 5-6,
7-8, 9; John 12:24-26 (red)

No Daily Liturgy

Tuesday, August 11

St. Clare, virgin
Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Deuteronomy 32:3-
4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12; Matthew 18:1-5, 10-
12-14 (white)

No Morning Daily Liturgy

10:30 am: Staff Holy Hour
4:30 pm Lumko Group (in rectory)

6:00 pm Mass at Dean & Julie Jensen's

Home (Intention: For Julie & Dean
Jenson on their 25th anniversary)

7:00 pm: Boy Scouts

Wednesday, August 12

St. Jane Frances de Chantal, religious
Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalms 66:1-3a, 5
and 8, 16-17; Matthew 18:15-20
(green/white)

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: Healing
for those who have been affected by
sexual abuse)

9:00 am – Noon: Food Pantry

6:00 pm: Adoration and Reconciliation

7:00 pm: Financial Peace University

Thursday, August 13

St. Pontian, pope and martyr, and St.
Hippolytus, priest and martyr
Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Psalms 114:1-2,
3-4, 5-6; Matthew 18:21-19:1 (green/red)

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For
Christopher Van Asma's Birthday)

10:00 am: Staff Meeting

7:00 pm: Knights of Columbus General
Meeting

Friday, August 14

St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest and
martyr
Joshua 24:1-13; Psalms 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-
22 and 24; Matthew 19:3-12 (red)

No Daily Liturgy

8:30 am: Women's Lumko Group

Saturday Morning, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Psalms
45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Corinthians 15:20-
27; Luke 1:39-56 (white)

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For
Joshua' Weaver's Birthday)

9:00 am – noon: Food Pantry

**3:30 – 4:30 pm: Sacrament of
Reconciliation**

Saturday Evening, August 15

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58
(green)

5:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For Married Couples)
Have Your Car Washed While You Are At Mass!

Sunday, August 16

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58
(green)

9:00 am: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For Our OLBH Community)
Have Your Car Washed While You Are At Mass!

10:00 am: Coffee Hour

6:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For the repose of Ronnie Wirshing)
Have Your Car Washed While You Are At Mass!

Intercessory Prayers

Life and Health Concerns:

Fr. Jack Birdsall, Gordon
Bryant, Joe Creek, Brenda
Czmowski, Don Snyder, Don
Konechne, Jim Kramer,
Sharon Long, Fr. Mark
McCormick, Don Norman,
Joni Osnes, Mary Ann
Pulaski, Mike Sobraske, Lois
Thury, and Jim Wranek

Collection Report

August 1 & 2

Loose	\$ 1991.20
Envelopes.....	2489.00
Votive.....	3.00
Student.....	39.63
Other	115.00
Total	\$ 4637.83

Mass Ministry Schedule

8/8 & 9	5:00 pm	9:00 am	6:00 pm
Bread Baker	Lori Kline	Coffee Hour: Marlys Sears & Family	
Altar Servers	Curt Mahaffy Michael Linde Matthew Linde	Olivia Lyle C. Van Asma M. Van Asma	Katie Strand Paige Gehlsen Nathan Werdel
Precious Body	Jayme Hunt	Gary Erickson	Stephanie Strand
Precious Blood	Joe Deaver Nancy Sass Greg Sass J. Silbernagel	Barb Erickson Brenda Jacobs Jean Schubauer Judy Wilson	Diane Clarke Lorinda Collings Curt Lauinger Caitlin Wilson
Lectors	B.A. Ferley Carrie Baker	Brad Blauvelt Mary Blauvelt	David Strand Thomas Jerzak
Sacristans	Cathy & John Wang	Bob Weaver	Brad & Tanya McCaskell
Ushers	Charlie Cresalia Reggie Hunt	Betsy Van Asma Tom Van Asma	Kevin Rohrbach Dorothy Tinnell
Choir	OLBH Choir	Regina's Minstrels	The Covenant

From the Pro-Life Commission

"Christians long for the entire human family to call upon God as "Our Father!" In union with the only-begotten Son, may all people learn to pray to the Father and to ask him, in the words that Jesus himself taught us, for the grace to glorify him by living according to his will, to receive the daily bread that we need, to be understanding and generous towards our debtors, not to be tempted beyond our limits, and to be delivered from evil (cf. Mt 6:9-13)."

Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* (79), June 29, 2009. www.vatican.va

OLBH Parish News

Home Mass August 11

Dean and Julie Jensen invite you to their home on August 11, 2009 to help them celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary. The festivities will begin with a home mass at 6:00pm, followed by a BBQ at 7:00pm. No gifts, please- Unless you want to bring food to share!

Directions: We live at 15663 Golden Valley Drive. From Piedmont, take Elk Creek Road. Golden Valley Drive intersects with Elk Creek Road 8 miles North-East of I-90. If you are coming from Rapid City, this is 1 mile from where North Hanes and Elk Creek Road intersect. Once you find Golden Valley Drive, we are the second house on the left. It is a 2-story brown house with a split rail fence. If these directions are confusing or you need more information, please call 393-5219 or email jajensen@rap.midco.net.

The Gift of Talking

If you are in high school and like to talk, maybe you have the gift of lecturing! We would love to have high school youth lectors during any of the weekend liturgies. There will be lector training for you following the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, August 30th. Please call or email the office to sign up!

Do you need your car washed!

The middle and high school youth of OLBH will be offering car washes during the weekend Masses as a fundraiser on the weekend of August 15th & 16th. The funds raised will help Maria Estradra, who is working to become a US citizen. The legal fees alone are \$2,000 and this does not include transportation and lodging to and from Minneapolis / St. Paul where she needs to proceed with this process. Maria has been living in the US for a few years with her children and came to our attention through the group here at OLBH who has been in the Just Faith Bible Study. This bible study looks at Catholic Social Teaching and how we live out our Catholic faith. If you have any car shams or old towels that we could use for the car wash, we would greatly appreciate it! Please contact Teresa, 787-5168



Middle and High School Weekly Gatherings Start Soon!

Edge (middle school youth) and Life Teen (high school youth) start Sunday, September 27th at 4:00 pm. with Mass following at 6:00 pm. For more information to register or help, please contact Teresa Thompson, 787-5168.

Is God Speaking To You!

Do you have that voice from within always telling you that you should try something new or do you feel that you want to help out somehow but just don't know how? There are many opportunities at Our Lady of the Black Hills for you. We are always looking for help with our faith formation programs and I have put a table in the Gathering Area with a variety of signup sheets of ways you could help. In fact, our ministry relies on people like you to make the Youth Ministry and Gatherings of Grace successful! Please take a look at the table and if you have a talent or ideas in how you can help and don't see it on the table, give me a call! I would love to hear from you!

~Teresa Thompson

Coordinator of Gatherings of Grace and Youth Ministry

Update from Father Mark -

Fr. Mark is doing very well after his visit to The Mayo Clinic. He thanks you all for your many prayers; he could feel the power of your prayers at work while he was there. He will return home on Tuesday, August 11.

OLBH Book Discussion Group

School may be out, but each month several adults are still learning by gathering in the OLBH Library to discuss books. They welcome others to join them for a lively exchange of ideas about the "book of the month." The next meeting will be Monday, August 10, at 7 p.m. The selection for that session is *The Holy Longing: The Search for A Christian Spirituality* by Father Ronald Rolheiser. He writes a national column which is carried in many Catholic newspapers. One copy is currently available in the OLBH Library or through the Mustard Seed or Borders. For the next two years we are also reading a chapter each month from the book *33 Doctors of the Church*, which can be read from the library's copy in the reference section in the library. People who like to read and discuss books are always welcome. For more information, contact Mary Coffin, 718-7431, or write her at library@olbh.org

Mark your calendars for our PARISH FEAST DAY!

Last year we asked the parishioners which Marian Feast Day we should celebrate as our parish feast day and the decision came to the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will celebrate this day on Tuesday, September 8th at 6:00 p.m. We will gather to learn and have a meal together as a community and have Mass at 7:30 p.m.

YES - Youth Engaging Scripture Hosted by Our Lady of the Black Hills

The Diocese of Rapid City has invited Saint Mary's Press to present a diocesan-wide, one-day "YES!" Congress on the Bible to train teams of teen peer leaders and their adult mentors. Catholic teens want to know how the Bible relates to their lives. "YES!" is a simple process of reading, reflecting, and acting, and it aims to transform young people's lives for life. If you are in high school and are interested in attending this workshop, please call Teresa Thompson at 787-5168.

Diocesan/Area News

Relay for Life of Meade County begins!

August 14th, 2009 - 6 PM @ Woodland Shelter in the Sturgis City Park!

* Survivor registration begins at 4:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to join the fight against cancer! Relay is an overnight event that recognizes survivors of cancer, honors those we have lost to cancer, and raises money to fight cancer. The money raised during Relay For Life contributes to the research, education, advocacy, and service efforts of the American Cancer Society. The American Cancer Society is a community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering. You can help by participating in Relay For Life or making a charitable contribution. It's about being a community that takes up the fight! For more information please contact: Wanda @ 347-2723 or Sue @ 720-2125.

Fourth Degree Knights

The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus August meeting has been changed to the 3rd Tuesday, August 18 instead of the 4th Tuesday. Meeting is still held at St. Therese of the Little Flower, 623 Adams Street, Rapid City at 7:00 pm. Bradly Colling, Faithful Navigator 343-3157.

Christian Family Planning

The next Christian Family Planning Seminar will be offered by the Natural Family Planning Ministry on Saturday, August 22nd at St. John the Baptist Church in Custer. This seminar is a requirement for engaged couples getting married in the Diocese of Rapid City. Married couples, or anyone who wants to learn more about Natural Family Planning, are encouraged to attend. For more information, or to register, call Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries at 605.343.3541.

Common Sense Parenting Class

Thursday, September 10th, will be the first meeting for a new Common Sense Parenting six week class. The course offers parents practical ideas and techniques for raising happy, well-adjusted children. For care-givers (parents, grandparents, step-parents, significant others) of children ages five and up, it focuses on the parent/child relationship and stresses the important role care givers play as guides to their children. The classes will meet from 6:00-8:00 pm at 1st Presbyterian Church, 710 Kansas City St., Rapid City. Optional free meal provided at 5:30. Free child care from infant on up and adventure group for pre-teens/teens. For more information, or to register, call Catholic Social Services 1-800-727-2401 or 348-6086. To inquire via email send questions to: css@rapidnet.com.

Ladies, mark your calendar!

Annual Diocesan Women's Retreat - October 23-25, 2009. This year's retreat, "Biblical Women - Guides to the Kingdom of God", will be held at Outlaw Ranch, Custer, SD and directed by Fr. Mark McCormick. Watch your bulletin for more information or call Family Life Ministries, 605-343-3541.

Family Life Ministries Need YOU!

Looking for a unique way to serve the diocese? Family Life Ministries is recruiting married couples to serve in the Natural Family Planning Ministry. Join a team of volunteers who assist with the Christian Family Planning Seminars for couples planning to marry in our diocese. For more information, contact Jill at Family Life Ministries at 605-343-3541 or jslegner@dioc.org.

Sisters on the Move

If you would like to help the Benedictine Sisters move into their new monastery, please call Sister Edna Marie at 343-8011 to reserve a day and time. Pick a date from August 3-21, no Sundays. Pick a time between 9:00-11:00 a.m., 1:00-3:00 p.m., or 6:00-8:00 p.m. Bring a truck or van or car and celebrate with the Sisters!!! There is a LOT to move!!

Encountering Life Alone

Beginning Experience® Level 1 Separated & Divorced Support Group, "ENCOUNTERING LIFE ALONE" Are you recently separated or divorced? Are you struggling with the pain and loneliness? Healing can begin with the next the nine-week session of the support group. The group starts at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 10th at St. Therese the Little Flower Church in Rapid City. The group is non-denominational and open to all Christian men and women who are hurting due to separation or divorce. Pre-registration is requested! Registration fee is \$25.00; need-based scholarships available. For more information and to pre-register, call Jill at Family Life Ministries, 605-343-3541.

Heal Your Grief

This Bereavement Support Group is an eight-week non-denominational support group for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The group begins at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 28th at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City. Please come early to register! For information or to pre-register call Janece Rieman, 605-343-5547 or Family Life Ministries, 605-343-3541.

Rachel's Corner

For many women, the emotional and spiritual pain of an abortion is too much for them to handle. They turn to drugs and alcohol and engage in sexual promiscuity, hoping to numb the pain. If you or someone you know is suffering because of an abortion, there is help. The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ will be held in Richardton, ND August 28-30, 2009.

Contact Carol Kling for information about area retreats at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com or go to the diocesan website:

www.rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/FamilyLife.htm. For more information, contact the national office at 877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org.